

## SCENE IN THE BAXTER U. S. COURT.

Mr. Downing—"May it please the court, you may search all the deepest, darkest recesses of pandemonium, and bring out all the concentrated fiends of hell and that blue-bellied Yankee lawyer on the other side will discount."

The court—"Sit down, Downing."

Judge Perry—"If the Virginia rebel on the other side insults me again I will—"

The court—"Come to order, please."

Mr. Downing—"The Yankee attorney is likely to snarl some Virginia blood under his nose."

Judge Lee—"That's right."

Mr. Ohlen—"You bet."

Mr. Wheatley—"We object."

The court—"We must have order in the court and the attorneys must refrain from personalities."

Mr. Downing—"If the court, your honor, will attend to its own d—n business, I will attend to mine."

Judge Lee—"That's right, your honor, I have the law for it."

Buck Mason—"You bet your life."

Mr. Downing—"We expect to carry on this case in a gentlemanly manner, but when the prosecution brings in this female witness, this painted woman of scripture, this varnished band wagon—this—great God, your honor, look at her nose!"

Mr. Perry—"Downing, if the court will not protect the witness, I will, and I give you fair warning not to insult the lady again."

Mr. Downing—"I'd like to know how I could insult her. Where did she get that paint?"

The court—"The witness will be protected. Proceed."

Mr. Downing—"I move for a dismissal of this case. I have a certificate from the supreme court to practice law and I know what law is."

A bystander—"Rats."

Mr. Donald—"I sat on the bench in Greeley county for twelve years and I can cite law with any man in Cherokee county."

Judge Lee—"That's right, your honor, I have sat on the bench myself."

The court—"Produce your law."

Mr. Hornor—"If the court please I have a case in point"—producing a medical almanac—"wherein the facts were similar to this and the case was overruled by the supreme court, and the prisoner acquitted."

Mr. Downing—"That's so, your honor."

Mr. Perry—"The supreme court has nothing to do with Kansas laws and I understand this court is running independent of all others."

The court—"You are right. This court has nothing to do with decisions of the supreme bench or the Kansas legislature."

Mr. Donald—"I wish to ask the witness a few questions."

The court—"Proceed."

Mr. Donald—"Madame, you are a widow, are you?"

Witness—"I am sir."

Mr. Donald—"You have had four husbands, have you?"

Witness—"Yes, sir; I have had four husbands. Is it any of your business?"

Mr. Donald—"Were they all old soldiers?"

Witness—"Yes, sir, they were all union soldiers."

Mr. Donald—"And are they all dead?"

Witness—"Yes, sir, they are all dead."

Mr. Donald—"Great God, madame, you have done more execution than a confederate battery, haven't you?"

Mr. Wheatley—"We object."

## TEACHERS ASSOCIATION MEETING.

The meeting of the Southeast Cherokee County Teachers Association held in this city last Saturday was one of the best attended and most interesting meetings of the kind ever held in the county.

The exercises began at 10:30 a. m. with music by the association followed by a very clever address of welcome by the Rev. Frank Otto which was responded to by Mr. Henry Harvey.

The meeting was then adjourned to 1 o'clock.

After dinner the exercises were begun by music by the association, a recitation by Miss Sadie Talbot and a class exercise by Prof. Woods. Miss Donna Lee gave a very acceptable cornet solo and Prof. Deem followed with a biographical sketch of Rousseau. A paper on the value of the teacher's association by Miss Nellie Palmer showed the results of a very careful preparation and proved to be of unusual interest to every one present. A general discussion of the subject followed. A recitation by Mamie Chubb and an essay by Ada Danglele were interesting and instructive. The current news of the day was briefly but tersely reviewed by Henry Harvey in the absence of those assigned to that duty. A duet by Madge Lyman and Lilla Sands followed which was well received. The relative importance of arithmetic and reading was discussed by Miss Murdock. Prof. Bowman gave quite an interesting paper on the aims of a true teacher. Prof. W. J. Hull reviewed the recent meeting of the state teachers' association at considerable length and the meeting adjourned.

The teachers were all well entertained at various places among our people and expressed themselves as much pleased with the hospitable treatment accorded them.

We are requested to make mention in this connection of the Southeast

Kansas Teachers Association which will meet at Fort Scott next April. Prizes are offered for best attendance from counties and Cherokee, if she humps herself, will stand a good show of obtaining the first trophy.

## IS IT CHRISTIANLIKE?

QUAPAW MISSION, Ind. Ter., Jan. 28.

EDITOR NEWS: It is a fact that George Polster of Baxter Springs has been sentenced to imprisonment in the county jail for 100 days and to pay a fine (and costs) of about \$900. It is also a fact that nearly all of the best citizens of Baxter signed a petition asking the governor to mitigate this severe sentence. Is it not also a fact that a remonstrance against the pardon of this man was circulated in all the churches and numerous signed by men, women and children. Was this remonstrance gotten up in a spirit of christian charity, and in accordance with the principles of the new testament, or was it not rather in the spirit of Moses, who took an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth? Have the christian people of Baxter dropped the mantle of Christ and picked up the cloak of old John Calvin? Is poor a miserable sinner not to be forgiven here or hereafter? I know the crime of selling liquor is a heinous one and the guilty should be punished, but is it good christian policy to bring this matter into the churches on the Lord's day, and teach your little children the revengeful, unforgiving spirit of the wild, untutored savage? We, as Indians, believe in suiting our enemies on both cheeks wherever we can find them. The golden rule has no place in our creed. We endeavor to teach our children to revenge a wrong and submit to no injury, but your religion is supposed to be full of the milk of human kindness, of charity, of brotherly love, humility and christian forbearance. Were your people imbued with this spirit last Sabbath, when they asked Governor Humphrey to have Polster in jail to the last hour of his legal sentence, or were they not rather on the "sounding brass and tinkling cymbal" order?

A man was recently sentenced in Vermont, to serve 61 years and 5 months for the same crime, but the governor will doubtless mitigate this sentence, and cut off the extra five months of the term, unless the church people of that state get up a "remonstrance." George Polster has built one of the finest buildings in Baxter; he is a cripple, but full of enterprise and has probably done the town more good than all the signers of the remonstrance. He has always favored improvements that would have been of great benefit to your city, and he has already suffered severely, both in mind and pocket book, and a full pardon from the governor would work no serious injury to any one.

I have always been a firm believer in the Indian form of worship and it only makes my faith stronger when I hear of that malignant, revengeful, barbarous action of last Sunday; an action so full of undying, vindictive, never ending hatred, that I would suggest that you people erase from your books, the sermon on the mount and all the sublime teachings of the redeemer and henceforward preach as well as practice the law and the gospel as laid down by Moses, Joshua & Co.

JOHN DAYLIGHT.

## Pain Unnecessary in Childbirth.

Pain is no longer necessary in childbirth. Its causes being understood, are easily overcome. Any woman may now become a mother without suffering any pain whatever, the labor being made short, easy and free from danger. Morning sickness, swelled limbs, and all other like evils can be readily controlled, and all female diseases speedily cured. Physicians pronounce it a wonderful discovery. Never known to fail. 200,000 ladies attest its merits. Cut this out; it may save your life. Suffer not a day longer, but send us two 2 cent stamps, and receive in sealed envelope full particulars, testimonials, confidential letter, &c. Address, FRANK THOMAS & Co., Baltimore, Md.

We should be glad that it is a child's nature to be forgetful; that a kiss, a smile, a kind word will efface the recollection, the hasty reproof, the cross look, the impatient blow that has wrung blood from the tender little heart. We would not dare to insult those of our own age as we do our children. Thank heaven for their short memories!

If a man could live a thousand years he would probably spend the last fifty fretting over what he might have done in the previous wasted time.

## Specimen Cases.

S. H. Clifford, New Cassel, Wis. was troubled with Neuralgia and Rheumatism, his Stomach was disordered, his Liver was affected to an alarming degree, appetite fell away, and he was terribly reduced in flesh and strength. Three bottles of Electric Bitters cured him.

Edward Shepherd, Harrisburg, Ill., had a running sore on his leg of eight years' standing. Used three bottles of Electric Bitters and seven boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and his leg is sound and well. John Speaker, Catawba, O., had five large fever sores on his leg, doctors said he was incurable. One bottle Electric Bitters and one box Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured him entirely. For sale by J. G. Polster, Druggist.

## FROM OUR ITEMIZERS.

SEND US THE NEWS.

## LOWELL STATION.

Jesse Hodson was down from Columbus Monday, o-wm. Lantz of Abilene, Kan., is visiting with his uncle Anthony Mitchell. o-Last Sunday as Mr. and Mrs. Carr were returning home from meeting they discovered Mrs. Wright's house was on fire. They gave the alarm and got help, and by diligent work saved the house, but the roof is so badly burned it will have to be replaced with a new one. It is supposed that a spark from the switch engine of the freight, which switched at the station to let the passenger train pass, fell into an eye trough where the fire started and crept up to the comb of the roof where it spread in every direction, burning underneath the most rapidly. The house is insured. Mrs. Wright was still keeping house for Mr. Wynners. John Willis, her renter, brought her home Monday. o-Joshua Cox has bought the bottom farm of J. B. Hodson which lies south of the Pearson farm and will have it cleared. He will put a saw mill and engine on the ground and work the timber into some useful form. o-Mr. Stevenson is having some finishing touches put to his house in the form of porches. o-The air is balmy and the flowers blooming and a good chance to have the fruit killed. o-Mrs. Winters of Baxter visited her father part of this week.

## What Becomes of the Common House Fly.

The common house fly is an insect which no one regrets to see disappear, for that, during its stay, it keeps the furniture, the clothes, the ceiling and many other valuables, more or less dingy with "fly-specks;" and again, it stands on the brim of the pail and drinks; more than that, it is the first to the table and uses its nasty proboscis or mouth as knife, fork and spoon, in helping itself to whatever it has access and satisfies its appetite; not saying anything about the volcanic action which takes place in one's stomach, in case one eats it.

Fly, is a name applied to many insects, the house-fly, the blow-fly and the forest-fly, being among them.

Since the green or blow-fly, as it is called, is hatched in three hours after the egg is laid, it is said that it can eat up the carcass of a horse as quickly as a lion.

Our domestic friend, the house-fly, is preserved by depositing its eggs in dung or straw or about the stable in which its fleshy larvae undergo a transformation. The large numbers that swarm around our doors in early summer are the offspring of a few individuals of the pupa state developed by the warmth of spring, and not the young of the eggs laid the preceding year. The domestic flies are of the same size; the smaller or larger ones are of different species.

It has six legs, two wings and two compound eyes; its eyes have 4,000 facets or faces and each facet or face serves the purpose of a tiny eye; therefore, the fly has 4,000 eyes.

It is an excellent scavenger; it picks up much waste matter that would otherwise create disease which would float into our lungs upon the air which we breathe. And yet, not a few little boys and girls too, catch these busy scavengers and pull off some of their legs and a wing, to see them bob on the floor or table. Doubtless it is sport for those boys and girls, nevertheless it is cruelty to the poor inoffensive fly.

E. M. WOODS.

## Electrical Copies of the Dead.

According to La Nature, Dr. Variot paints the skin with a concentrated solution of nitrate of silver, and reduces this with vapors of white phosphorus dissolved in sulphide of carbon, the skin being thus rendered dark and shiny. The body is then ready for the electric bath, which is served by a thermo-electric battery, giving a regular adherent deposit of copper if the current is properly regulated. With a layer of one-half to three-fourths mm. the envelope to resist pressure or shock. Dr. Variot further incinerates the metallic mummy, leaving holes for the escape of gases. The corpse disappears, and a faithful image or statue remains.

## Eczema From Childhood.

When an infant my body broke out all over with an eruption or rash, which became more aggravated as I grew older. From early childhood until I was grown my family spent a fortune trying to cure me of the disease. Every noted physician in our section was tried or consulted. When I came of age I visited Hot Springs, Ark., and was treated there by the best medical men, but was not benefited. After that, under the advice of a noted specialist, I tried the celebrated Clifton Springs, New York, without any good results. When all things had failed I determined to try S. S. S. and in four months was entirely cured. The terrible Eczema was all gone, not a sign left; my general health built up, and I have never had any return of the disease. I have since recommended S. S. S. to a number of friends for skin disease, eruptions, etc., and have never known of a failure to cure.

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## Beating the Slot Machine.

Chicago News.

According to the decision of a justice over in Iowa you have a right to defeat a slot machine if you are smart enough to do it. This weighty decision was handed down after the trial of a young man who has been detected beating a cigar slot machine by means of a coin which could be withdrawn from the apparatus after every operation by means of a thread. He had emptied the establishment and was putting the nickel with its thread attachment into his pocket when a policeman arrested him. The court found that he had committed neither burglary, larceny nor robbery. He had not even obtained property on false pretences. He had simply done what the machine told him to do—dropped a nickel in the slot—and as the directions were silent about leaving the coin there the young man had done nothing wrong in using the thread.

## PERSONAL AND IMPERSONAL.

—"Better late than never" was used over three hundred years ago by Thomas Tucker in his "Five Hundred Points of Good Husbandry." Later on Bunyan used it in his "Pilgrim's Progress."

The Savannah News is authority for the statement that a young lady of Brunswick, Ga., had six offers of marriage in one week from gentlemen of good repute, but who occasionally take a drink at the bar. By her brother's advice she refused them all.

The Financial Reform Almanac gives the following lists of the "trades" and "professions" of the British House of Commons: Land-holding interest, 209; trade, commerce and manufacture, 168; law, 135; fighting (army and navy, etc.), 128; official (placemen and ex-placemen), 91; literary and professional (law excluded), 77; railway, 62; banking, 33; liquor, 24; labor, 8.

An eminent authority says: "It is extremely difficult to commit the crime of murder in such an accurate and honest way that it shall satisfy the specifications of the statute. Unless the would-be murderer take legal counsel beforehand and follow instructions minutely he will fail nine times in ten, however sincerely he may try. Anybody can kill a man, but he can not do it in first-degree-murder style without counsel and care."

## "A LITTLE NONSENSE."

—She knew as much about cooking as he did.—"No, you ain't much of a success as a pie-maker, but why not let us buy a pie-plant and grow'em?"—Philadelphia Times.

—Mrs. Brown—"No wonder you caught cold staying out half the night." Brown—"That wasn't the reason. I got the cold from having to knock at the door the other half."—Epoch.

—Mrs. Jinks—"The Dutch make their dogs do the churning." Mr. J.—"H'm! That's where the expression 'working the growler' came from, I suppose!"—Boston Traveller.

—He—"Remember you're taking my heart with you." She—"You are the fifth man that has told me the same thing. You all must think I am a pork packer."—Yenowine's News.

—McFingle—"I understand that you write for the humorous papers?" McFangle—"Yes, that's so! I write for them every week. My newswriter doesn't keep the ones I want, you know."—Boston Traveller.

## ON THE DOWNWARD PATH.

An Awful Case of Infantile Depravity.

"Uncle Peter, the last man that worked here admitted that he drank intoxicating liquor. Now, you don't, do you?"

"Yes, mum, I does sometimes."

"Don't you know that thousands of homes have been broken up by it and that it kills hundreds of thousands every year?"

"Nebber had dat effect on me, mum."

"Haven't you any children?" said the lady, trying to strike a tender chord.

"Tso got a boy."

"Does he drink?"

"Yes, mum; he jos begin to drink like a fish."

"This is awful. See what an example you have been for your own son, and now he is on the downward path. How old is he? Can't he be weaned from—"

"Dat's es exact'ly what we're doin' wid him, mum. De boy is foatteen months old."

Uncle Peter finished his work in peace.

—London Transcript.

## A Novel Screen.

The most unique screen of the day (and screens of all sizes and shapes are in vogue) is the one that has the cobweb ornamentation. Slender, pliable twigs are lightly painted white and are curved over a silken surface in the form of a great cobweb, the twigs lessening to mere threads in the center. Paper-mache spiders are seen through the meshes, and the conceit is odd and pronouncedly artistic. Apropos of screens, an ingenious housewife has made the somewhat curious discovery that a Japanese bamboo screen, with panels of Japanese leather paper, acts as a perfect barometer. It has stood all summer in a window exposure, and she found that, when the weather was clear and likely to continue so, the panels were stretched drum-tight in the frames; just before a rain a slight wrinkle would be observable in them, and during a storm, as she expressed it, the leather paper surface presented a positively tempestuous appearance—Table Talk.

## IRL E. HICK'S WEATHER PROPHET.

The following taken from the "storm chart" for 1891 of Rev. Irl E. Hicks of St. Louis will prove interesting to many. Here are his predictions for FEBRUARY.

The storms starting in January, are apt to break into lightning and thunder, on their southern flanks, the first day of February. Rain, sleet with heavy snow, will result, followed by a bitter cold wave. Watch and see! The grip of the cold will relax for a series of reactionary storms on and about the 6th. Expect north-westerly blasts after all well-defined winter storms, and continued cold up to storm period next following. New Moon, 8th, may prolong storms of 8th and 7th. The 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, continue a marked storm period. Venus is on the 25th, and will be felt during storms of this period. Lightning and thunder, most likely. Should very warm days occur do not be thrown off your watch against the cold to follow. Venus is an extremist, whose electric fire turns quickly to ice. The 18th, and days touching it, are storm days, with Venus still nearer. From 22d to 25th is a regular storm period. Watch 23d, 24th, 25th. Storms of great energy, if not cyclonic are possible. Snow to the north, followed by cold all over.

## The Pulpit and the Stage.

Rev. F. M. Shront, Pastor United Brethren Church, Blue Mound, Kan., says: "I feel it my duty to tell what wonders Dr. King's New Discovery has done for me. My lungs were badly diseased, and my parishioners thought I could live only a few weeks. I took five bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery and am sound and well, gaining 26 lbs. in weight." Arthur Love, manager Love's Funny Folks Combination, writes: "After a thorough trial and convincing evidence, I am confident Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, beats 'em all, and cures when everything else fails. The greatest kindness I can do my many thousand friends is to urge them to try it." Ten-cent trial bottles at all Drug Stores. Regular sizes 50c. and \$1.00.

## BARGAINS IN DRESS GOODS!

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## Notice of Application for Pardon.

Notice is hereby given that J. G. Polster, who was convicted of violating the prohibitory law of the State of Kansas in the January term of court A. D. 1891, and was sentenced to the county jail for a term of sixty (60) days, and to pay a fine of six hundred dollars (\$600), will make application to the governor of the State of Kansas for a pardon from said sentence on the 31st day of January, 1891. J. G. POLSTER, Applicant.

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